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LOK SABHA

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NAXAL HIT DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the Naxal-hit districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such districts, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to lay particular emphasis on the development of the above districts by providing additional funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) : Under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, Ministry of Home Affairs reimburses security-related expenditure in respect of specified items to the concerned State Governments for dealing with naxalite activities. 76 districts in 9 States are included under this scheme :

Andhra Pradesh : 16; Bihar : 14; Chhattisgarh : 8; Jharkhand : 16; Madhya Pradesh: 3; Maharashtra: 4; Orissa: 9; Uttar Pradesh : 3; and West Bengal: 3.

(c) & (d) : Special attention is being given on planning,implementation and monitoring of development schemes in naxalite affected areas. Under the Backward Districts Initiative,which covered 147 districts, an amount of Rs. 45 crore per district had been allocated on a non-lapsable basis.This has now been replaced by the Backward Regions Grant Fund, in 250 districts. National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, which was originally being implemented in 200 districts, and was extended to 330 districts in April 2007, is now being extended to all districts in the Country, having regard to the need to universalise this demand-driven programme for wage-employment. These schemes are in addition to various income-generating, public-utility and social-security schemes of different Ministries like Rural Development, Agriculture, Health and Family Welfare, Youth Affairs and Sports, Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs.

An Inter Ministerial Group under Additional Secretary (Naxal Management) in the Ministry of Home Affairs oversees effective implementation of development schemes in naxalite affected areas for accelerated socio-economic development.